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TO : Chief of Station, Heidelberg

DATE: 25 November 1947

FROM : Fletcher M. Knight

SUBJECT: GENERAL - Operational
SPECIFIC - SS General Karl Wolff

Attached hereto is a letter written by A. W. Dulles to General Clay, setting forth Mr. Dulles' views on General Wolff. This letter was generated by your request to Mr. Dulles via us contained in cable FRAN-440.

Would you or ☐ please deliver the enclosed letter to General Clay or his office, so that he will have it as a matter of record. In this way, we should be able to clean up the Sunrise business once and for all.

F. M. K.

Attachment-Let to Gen. Clay
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48 Wall Street, New York 5,
November 20, 1947

General Lucius D. Clay,
Office of Military Governor,
OMGUS,
APO 742, care of Postmaster,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Gen. Clay:

I understand that through the Office of the Director of Intelligence in Germany you have addressed an inquiry requesting any and all information regarding any and all commitments as to amnesty or otherwise made to SS General Karl Wolff in connection with the operation known as "Sunrise-Crossword".

A full report on this operation was submitted by me to Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan under date of May 22, 1945 and a copy of this report, giving the full information as to Gen. Wolff's connection therewith, is undoubtedly available or could be made available to the Office of the Director of Intelligence.

To summarize briefly this report with respect to the particular question you raise: - no commitment of any nature was made by me, or by anyone acting on any authority from me, that any amnesty or special consideration would be shown to Gen. Wolff because of his part in the Sunrise operation, or otherwise. At no time during the Sunrise operation did Gen. Wolff ask me for any assurances as to his future treatment. I am not informed that he asked any person associated with me in the Sunrise operation for any special consideration.

I have no first-hand information with respect to the record of Gen. Wolff prior to the 8th March 1945, the date of my first meeting with him, and have no basis for judgment thereon. However, I wish to add, for the record, that all the evidence available to me indicates that from March 1945 onward Gen. Wolff exerted himself to the utmost to bring about the unconditional surrender of the German and Fascist forces in north Italy and that he did this at considerable personal risk. The evidence also indicates that Gen. Wolff during the period in question exerted himself to prevent wanton destruction in north Italy, to protect prisoners and hostages held by the Germans, to limit last minute German reprisals and operations against the Italian partisans and to protect priceless art treasures from destruction. Gen. Wolff also, at my request, liberated from the Verona dungeon where he was held, Ferruccio Parri, one of the outstanding leaders of the Italian Resistance and later Prime Minister of Italy. Parri was delivered to me in Switzerland on 8 March 1945.

General Lucius D. Clay

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I need hardly speculate on the motives. In the foregoing I am dealing solely with the facts and the evidence known to me personally. At the time of the Sunrise operation it was, of course, obvious that total German defeat was only a matter of weeks. It is a fact, however, that in this situation Gen. Wolff was one of those who acted while the great majority of German Wehrmacht, SS Generals and others sat meekly by and let the carnage go on. Wolff tried to stop it.

I am sending a copy of this letter to General Lyman L. Lemnitzer, formerly Deputy Chief of Staff, AFHQ, who worked with me on the Sunrise operation and is thoroughly familiar with the facts.

Faithfully yours,

/s/ A. W. Dulles

/t/ A. W. Dulles